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SUBJECT: SPECIAL AND DIFFERENTIAL TREATMENT (S&D):

TCWP JUNE 7-8

REF: STATE 130062

1. SUMMARY: TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY HAD FINAL RUN THROUGH OF SECRETARIAT'S PAPERS ON S&D, INCLUDING NEW PAPER ON CRITERIA, AND AGREED TO LET TRADE COMMITTEE MEETING IN FALL DECIDE HOW WORK SHOULD BE CONTINUED. END SUMMARY.

2. GROUP HAD BRIEF DISCUSSION OF PAPERS WHICH HAD BEEN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REVISED FROM EARLIER MEETINGS. ON OPTIONS PAPER SWISS AND FINNS REITERATED THEIR PREFERENCE TO HAVE SAFE-GUARDS AREA TREATED AS UNIQUE CASE, BECAUSE OF THE VARIETY OF MEASURES INVOLVED AND THE PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY FOR COUNTRIES WITH SMALL DOMESTIC MARKETS, POSED BY S&D IN THIS AREA. WITH RESPECT TO PARTICIPATION BY LDC'S IN CODES, FRENCH, JAPANESE AND

U.S. OPPOSED PAPER'S OPTION 6(I) UNDER WHICH NON-PARTICIPANTS WOULD RECEIVE ALL RIGHTS AND BENEFITS OF CODES. JAPAN ARGUED FOR "MIDDLE GROUND" APPROACH, GIVING PROVISIONAL ACCESSION TO GATT AS EXAMPLE. ON GENERAL QUESTION OF GRADUATION, THERE APPEARED TO BE BROAD CONSENSUS ON THE NEED FOR IT--IN ORDER, AMONG OTHER THINGS, TO MAINTAIN UNITY OF TRADING SYSTEM--COUPLED WITH VARYING DEGREES OF CONCERN THAT PRACTICAL IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CONCEPT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT.

3. CRITERIA: MOST DELS, OTHER THAN U.S. AND JAPAN, THOUGH THAT OBJECTIVE OF S&D WOULD HAVE TO BE DEFINED AS MIXTURE OF INFANT-INDUSTRY, GENERAL DEVELOPMENT, AND PERHAPS PURELY POLITICAL CONSERATIONS. SWEDES NOTED THAT CHOICE INFANT-INDUSTRY OBJECTIVE NATURALLY LET TO NEED FOR PRODUCT AND COUNTRY CRITERIA WHICH MIGHT NOT BE FEASIBLE. DISCUSSION OF WHETHER IT WAS BEST TO HAVE GENERAL CRITERIA--PRESUMABLY WITH SUPPLEMENTAL SAFEGUARDS--OR SPECIFIC CRITERIA LIKE U.S. COMPETITIVE NEED SYSTEM, WHICH CONSTITUTE A SORT OF AUTOMATIC SAFEGUARD SYSTEM, WAS INCONCLUSIVE. SOME DELS THOUGHT LDC'S WOULD FIND FORMER MORE "SECURE," WHILE OTHERS THOUGHT TRANSPARENCY OF LATTER WOULD BETTER RESPOND TO LDC CONCERNS. QUESTION OF USE OF RISK OF "INJURY" AS CRITERION WAS ALSO RAISED, AND JAPAN NOTED THAT IT WAS NEWCOMER TO MARKET, WHO NEEDED S&D MOST, WHO MIGHT OFTEN RUN AFOUL OF AN INJURY TEST, WHILE WELL-ESTABLISHED LDC EXPORTER WITHOUT NEED FOR S&D MIGHT WELL BE ABLE TO AVOID THIS.

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4. FUTURE WORK: OTHER THAN JAPAN AND U.S., MOST DELS
WERE NOT OPTIMISTIC ABOUT UTILITY OF FURTHER TCWP WORK
AT THIS STAGE AND ARGUED FOR POSTPONEMENT OR SUSPENSION
OF ACTIVITY. CONSENSUS WAS THAT WORK SHOULD BE TAKEN
UP AGAIN WHEN MTN HAS MOVED FURTHER ALONG AND THAT
FALL MEETING OF TRADE COMMITTEE WOULD BE APPROPRIATE
TIME TO DECIDE ON FUTURE ACTIVITIES. GROUP ACCEPTED
U.S. PROPOSAL THAT SECRETARIAT FLESH OUT OPTIONS OF
TC/WP(77)21 ANNEX FOR AREAS OF FUTURE ACTIVITY TO
PROVIDE BASIS FOR TRADE COMMITTEE DISCUSSION. FRENCH
INDICATED SOME INTEREST IN STUDYING QUESTION OF LDC
TRADE PRACTICES ON THEIR MUTUAL RELATIONS.
SECRETARIAT WILL WORK UP BRIEF WRITTEN SUMMARY OF
GROUP'S ACTIVITIES PLUS IDEAS FOR FUTURE WORK AND TCWP
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